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Dear Mr. Hendelson:

In accordance with the request contained in your letter of 17 August, there is enclosed herewith a brief statement regarding the Central Intelligence Agency.

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Very truly yours,

Signed & dispatched 8/19/48

R. H. HILLENKOTTER  
Rear Admiral, USN  
Director of Central Intelligence

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Note for record: Letter from Hendelson, as follows:  
"I take the liberty of asking you to send us a short resume on the creation, purpose and general activity of both the Central Intelligence and the National Intelligence Authority. We should like to include this information in our forthcoming edition of the WORLD SCOPE ENCYCLOPEDIA, and will appreciate your sending it to us as soon as it is possible.  
Thanking you for your cooperation and assistance, I am,  
Very sincerely,"

Letter to DCI from Hendelson, 23 Aug 48, "We sincerely appreciate your sending us so promptly the information we requested on the CIA. We shall find this material invaluable in the preparation of the forthcoming WORLD SCOPE ENCYCLOPEDIA, and thank you for your courtesy." - To central records thru D,DD,ED. 8/24/48

### CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

The Central Intelligence Agency was established on September 20, 1947, pursuant to section 102 of the National Security Act of 1947, (Public Law 253, 80th Congress). The Director of Central Intelligence is the head of the Agency, which is under the direction of the National Security Council. The Agency is charged with coordinating the intelligence activities of the Government, in the interest of national security.

The law specifically provides that the Agency shall have no police, subpoena, or law enforcement powers, or internal security functions. However, the Director is responsible for protecting intelligence sources and methods from unauthorized disclosure.

--From CONGRESSIONAL DIRECTORY  
80th Congress-2d Session  
June 1948.